

alike. For that, and for all the accomplishments of chile producers and festival organizers, I am proud, and I salute them all here in this RECORD. Keep up the good work, and may you continue to represent Hatch and the State of New Mexico with distinction.●

RECOGNIZING GENE N. JOHNSON

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Gene N. Johnson for his community service and leadership. Mr. Johnson is in his 40th consecutive year of service as a member of the Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department. During his time at the department, Mr. Johnson actively took on the role of department president from 1986-1997, and also served as a HAZMAT responder.

The Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department serves about 15,000 residents within southern Albemarle, Fluvanna, Buckingham and Nelson Counties. Mr. Johnson has worked selflessly to make sure everyone in the area remains safe and secure.

The Scottsville region surely appreciates the talents and efforts that Mr. Gene Johnson has displayed as a member of the Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department. I congratulate him on his community service and wish him well in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session, the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 741. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 2264. An act to require a report on the conflict in Uganda, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 38. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Eli Broad as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.R. 1303. An act to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference.

H.R. 4363. An act to facilitate self-help housing ownership opportunities.

H.R. 4759. An act to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 2:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3884. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 615 East Houston Street in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 4011. An act to promote human rights and freedom in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4294. An act to designate the annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 333 Constitution Avenue Northwest in the District of Columbia as the "William B. Bryant Annex".

H.R. 4608. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the "Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 4660. An act to amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to extend the authority to provide assistance to countries seeking to become eligible countries for purposes of that Act.

H.R. 4766. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4840. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the taxation of businesses.

H.R. 4841. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain tax rules for individuals.

H.R. 4879. An act to increase the military housing private investment cap.

At 8:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4842. An act to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement.

At 9:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4613) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1572. An act to designate the United States Courthouse located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the

"Winston E. Arnow United States Courthouse".

H.R. 1914. An act to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

H.R. 2768. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

H.R. 3277. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

H.R. 4380. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4737 Mile Stretch Drive in Holiday, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Post Office Building".

At 10:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 479. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

At 11:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4916. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1587. To promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4600. An act to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibition on junk fax transmissions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4766. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2704. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs.

S. 2714. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as added by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, to provide for negotiation of fair prices for Medicare prescription drugs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8673. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Food and Vegetable Programs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Increased Assessment Rate" (FV04-958-2 FR) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8674. A communication from the Director, Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equal Opportunity for Religions Organizations" (RIN0503-AA27) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8675. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bitertanol, Chlorpropham, Cloprop, Combustion Product Gas, Cyanazine, et al.; Tolerance Actions" (FRL#7358-6) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8676. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8677. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Consolidation of Assets-Backed Commercial Paper Programs and Other Related Issues (Regulations H and Y)" (Doc. No. R-1162) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8678. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Hazelwood SO₂ Nonattainment and the Monongahela River Valley Unclassifiable Areas to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan" (FRL#7781-3) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8679. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia; Technical Amendment" (FRL#7790-5) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8680. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan Revisions; Ohio" (FRL#7789-2) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8681. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maryland: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions"

(FRL#7791-3) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8682. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Asbestos" (FRL#7789-5) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8683. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified and Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control Districts" (FRL#7783-9) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8684. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL#7781-9) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8685. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL#7784-3) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8686. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments for the New 8-Hour Ozone and PN_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Miscellaneous Revisions for Existing Areas; Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Response to Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes Correction to the Preamble" (FRL#7789-6) received on July 21, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8687. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Year in Trade 2003"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8688. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: United States Munitions List and Part 123" (RIN1400-ZA) received on June 24, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8689. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Instant Criminal Background Check System Regulation" (RIN1110-AA07) received on July 22, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-492. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the State Waste Empowerment and Enforcement Provision Act

of 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 247

WHEREAS, recent reports issued by the Department of Environmental Quality reveal that Virginia is currently the second largest importer of municipal solid waste from other states, second only to Pennsylvania, and is currently importing approximately 5.5 million tons annually of municipal solid waste from other states; and

WHEREAS, the amount of municipal solid waste being imported into Virginia is expected to increase in the coming years due to the closure of the Fresh Kills Landfill in New York and increased volumes from other states; and

WHEREAS, the importation of significant amounts of municipal solid waste from other states is prematurely exhausting Virginia's limited landfill capacity; and

WHEREAS, the negative impact of truck, rail, and barge traffic and litter, odors, and noise associated with waste imports occurs at the location of final disposal and along waste transportation routes, and current landfill technology has the potential to fail, leading to long-term cleanup and other associated costs; and

WHEREAS, under current federal law, Virginia cannot regulate the amount of solid waste brought into the Commonwealth each year; and

WHEREAS, the importation of significant amounts of municipal solid waste from other states is inconsistent with Virginia's efforts to promote the Commonwealth as a national and international destination for tourism and high-tech economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution and its interpretation and application by the United States Supreme Court and other federal courts regarding interstate solid waste transportation has left Virginia and other states with limited alternatives to regulate, limit, or prohibit the importation of municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia believes that state and local governments should be given more authority to control the importation of municipal solid waste into their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, although state laws governing the importation of municipal solid waste have been ruled to violate the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution, the enactment of the State Waste Empowerment and Enforcement Provision Act of 2003 would protect states from constitutional challenges to common sense regulation of trash haulers, and empower states to require inspectors at landfills, incinerators, and transfer stations that accept out-of-state municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the General Assembly of Virginia that state and local governments should be given more authority to limit, reduce, and control the importation of solid waste into their jurisdictions through several provisions, including percentage caps, calendar year freezes, the regulation and restriction of certain modes of transportation, the requirement of state inspectors at facilities handling out-of-state waste, and the assessment of fees for the receipt or disposal of out-of-state municipal solid waste that are different than fees assessed for the receipt or disposal of municipal solid waste generated within the Commonwealth: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to enact the State Waste Empowerment and Enforcement Provision Act of 2003 (HR 1123). The Congress is